

Almogi seen accepting Haifa nomination

Amin detains 114 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers 'Could be imperialists or Zionists'

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
Labour Minister Yosef Almogi is now almost certain to run as Mayor of Haifa. This would involve his leaving the Government after the October Knesset and municipal elections. The decision emerged after his meeting yesterday morning with Prime Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and other Labour Party leaders, who told Almogi that "the decision was up to him."

A veteran Haifa labour leader who rose from the ranks, Almogi could not well disregard last month's decision of the Haifa Labour Party branch, nominating him unanimously as the next mayoral candidate. The fact that the Haifa branch is traditionally a major power base of the Labour Party and that whoever runs the city yields far more power than most individual Cabinet Ministers, is understood to be weighing heavily in Almogi's decision to run for mayor.

To that position, Almogi is likely to be able to restore to the city and its Labour Party branch much of the power and influence which Haifa held until the death four years ago of long-time Mayor Abba Khoushy.

The fact that Almogi left Meir in 1966 and joined the Rast Movement for two years, together with David Ben-Gurion and Yehoshua Ben-Zvi, is likely to play an interesting role in internal party developments, although Almogi has not been formally associated with the ex-Rast wing for the past five years, when he accepted his appointment as Labour Minister, outside the Rast "quota."

Mr. Almogi is understood to have told close associates that he will make a final decision within a week, but left little doubt as to what the decision will be. He is understood to have ruled out the idea that he would remain in the Cabinet as Minister without portfolio as Mayor of Haifa. "To run Haifa is too big a job, much bigger than most Ministers," he is reported to have said.

Should Mr. Almogi indeed leave the Government after the October elections, it would be easier for Mr. Meir to appoint former Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin to a post in the Cabinet.

The Labour Minister's decision is also believed linked to the fact that Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon seems certain to continue as Head of the Secretariat-General, a post for which Mr. Almogi had been mentioned several months ago.

Yesterday's meeting with Almogi was also attended by Ministers Israel Galili, Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro and Shimon Peres.

ENTERED, Uganda. — President Idi Amin on Saturday detained 114 American Peace Corps volunteers in air transit through here on the grounds that "they could be mercenaries or even Israelis, planning subversion in Burundi and Rwanda."

The airliner with the young men and women Peace Corps teachers flew here at noon Saturday bound for Bukumbura, the capital of Burundi. They were on their way to take up posts in Zaire. Soon after their arrival left Entebbe, it was ordered to return or be shot down. It was then held at the airport where the volunteers spent more than 24 weary hours in the transit lounge.

Yesterday Ugandan troops moved the volunteers to nearby Lake Victoria Hotel and allowed their chartered East African Airways VC 10 to fly away empty, 30 hours after they were ordered to return or be shot down.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Nairobi said the volunteers settled comfortably into the spacious lake-side hotel, bathing, eating and drinking.

President Amin sent telegrams to the presidents of Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire, explaining his decision to detain the group.

"Before we can allow these Peace Corps members to proceed, I would like to receive from President Mobutu (of Zaire) and President Nkomo (Burundi) confirmation of whether their countries expected these Peace Corps members," he said.

On Friday the U.S. rejected a message from Gen. Amin to President Nixon which wished Mr. Nixon a "speedy recovery" from the Watergate affair and asked him to "stop killing people in Indochina."

Earlier this year, the U.S. ended its Peace Corps programme in Uganda and, in March, recalled its ambassador.

(UPI, Reuters)



Training for the Maccabiah Games, opening tonight, went into full swing over the weekend. Here waterpolo players working out at the Wingate Institute swimming pool.

President Katzir opens 9th Maccabiah tonight

By PAUL KOEN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — President Ephraim Katzir will open the 9th Maccabiah Games tonight at the newly renovated Ramat Gan Stadium before 1,600 athletes from 27 countries and a capacity crowd of 50,000.

Prime Minister Golda Meir is also expected to attend the opening, which will include a memorial ceremony for the 11 Israeli sportsmen massacred at the Olympic games in Munich last September. The Tikor for the victims will be recited and 11 torches will be lit in their memory.

The opening will be climaxed with an exhibition "Son et Lumiere" pageant depicting the defenders of Israel from the siege of Masada 1,900 years ago until today.

Tel Brodie, Israel's top basketball star, and an immigrant from the U.S., for whom he appeared at the last Maccabiah, will circle the stadium with the Maccabiah torch on its last lap from Modi'in, the birth and burial place of the ancient Maccabees. Brodie will light the Maccabiah flame which will burn above the stadium throughout the games, until July 19.

Veteran Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball player Tammar Shumacher will recite the Maccabiah oath on behalf of all participants.

The opening ceremony begins at 8 p.m. with the playing of youth orchestras. According to a timetable worked out to the minute, President Katzir will enter the stadium at 6:38 p.m.

"Son et Lumiere" will start at 8:05 p.m.

The Dan Bus Company has arranged for special buses to the stadium to leave from the Tel Aviv central bus station, at bus stop No. 43, and at the corner of Arlosoroff and Dizengoff roads in North Tel Aviv. The special bus service will start at 8 p.m.

Six large car parks have been prepared near the stadium, to accommodate 8,000 vehicles. The police ask the public to come early to the opening ceremony, and not to bring children who do not have tickets, as they will be refused entry.

The opening ceremony will be carried live on Israel television and radio. The Maccabiah press office announced that 35 overseas journalists, TV men and photographers have arrived from the U.S., Britain, Sweden, Australia, France, Switzerland and Holland specially to cover the games. A TV crew has arrived from West Germany, and Japanese television has ordered a film of the games.

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Maccabiah participants were greeted last night by the chairman of Israel Maccabi, Mr. Menachem Savid, at a reception in the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace.

All 26 overseas contingents for the Maccabiah had arrived by last night, the last being completed yesterday with the arrival of 23 athletes from Belgium and four table tennis players from Spain. The latter is one of the three countries making their debut in the Maccabiah, sharing this distinction with Colombia and Japan.

The 26 participating nations are: Britain, the United States, South Africa, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Colombia, Japan, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Egypt, France, Canada, Italy, Rhodesia, Greece, the Irish Republic, West Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

Ten of these countries will take part in the basketball competition, which will get underway tomorrow, with games scheduled as follows: West Germany vs. Brazil; Greece vs. Australia; U.S. vs. Canada; and Israel vs. Argentina.

Lior replaces Yariv as anti-terror aide

Jerusalem Post Reporter

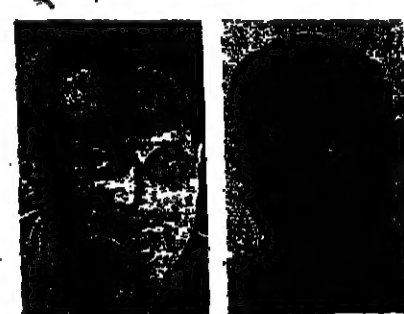
Premier Golda Meir yesterday voiced her appreciation at the weekly Cabinet session, to Aharon Yariv for his work as coordinator of the campaign against Arab terrorism overseas, in his capacity as her special adviser. The Cabinet warmly supported her vote of thanks.

Aharon Yariv, who resigned from the Army with the rank of Aluf, had been Chief of Army Intelligence for eight years before becoming the Prime Minister's special adviser last September. He completed his term as special adviser on July 1, according to the arrangement he had made with Premier Meir on taking up his post.

(Since he plans to enter politics and stand for the Knesset on the Alignment list, Mr. Yariv has to quit Government service this month.)

Mr. Yariv, 54, is one with the law regarding civil servants who want to run for the Knesset to resign 100 days before the elections.

Mr. Meir told the Cabinet that her Military Aide, Tel-Aviv Yisrael Lior, would take on the additional duties of her adviser.



Yariv and Lior

Solh chooses Lebanon Cabinet

BEIRUT (UPI). — Premier Takiyeddin Solh yesterday announced a 22-member cabinet that included both rightist and leftist representatives which he called a government of all of Lebanon.

Khalil Abu Hamad, Foreign Minister in successive cabinets for the past three years, lost his post. He was replaced by Fuad Natfah, a former Foreign Minister.

It took Solh 18 days of intensive political consultations to form the government. The main stumbling block was his choice of a leftist to hold the key portfolio of internal affairs.

First he chose Kamal Jumblatt, leader of the Progressive Socialist party, and then Bahij Takiyeddin, a follower of Jumblatt, but both choices were vetoed by rightist parties.

MARCH PAST

The march past of all contingents, traditionally the most colourful part of the opening ceremony, will start at 7:35 p.m. The playing of Hebrew and Maccabiah anthems, Solh's official declaration of the opening of the games.

Greetings will be brought by Pierre Gledesgame, chairman of the World Maccabi Union, and the Mayor of Ramat Gan, Dr. Israel Peled, the man tipped to take over as next WMU chairman.

At 7:59 p.m. gymnasts will take over the centre of the field for a display of mass calisthenics. The Israeli vs. Argentina.

U.S. 'may have to ration food' to maintain exports

WASHINGTON (UPI). — American exports may be forced to ration the food they eat in order to maintain exports and the value of the dollar abroad, an expert on world food production said yesterday.

Lester Brown, an economist for the non-profit Overseas Development Council in Washington, said domestic food rationing would be a better alternative to President Nixon's proposed controls on exports, which he described as a "serious mistake."

Mr. Brown also predicted that domestic food prices will never return to the low levels of the 1960s. Food will be in short supply around the world for the next year, he said, and "beyond that, we may be faced with chronic global food scarcity for the foreseeable future."

The economist made the comments in an interview published by "U.S. News and World Report."

Mr. Brown criticized Mr. Nixon's limits on soybean exports and his request to Congress to impose broad controls on other U.S. farm exports. "Those exports are keeping this nation economically afloat in a very real sense," he said. "A limit on U.S. farm exports would further weaken the dollar. It would certainly limit our ability to import the vast quantities of petroleum that we must have from abroad to keep U.S. business and industry going."

As a result, he said, it may be necessary to ration food in the United States "in one form or another."

"We can't hold down farm exports without endangering the dollar or triggering serious energy shortages," he said. "In such circumstances, it may very well be that Americans will have to limit the intake of certain types of food, as some other countries are doing, in order to export agricultural commodities."

What is lacking is some form of central control, to offset the new instability, Mr. Sanbar earlier this year submitted a proposal which is presently on the agenda of the Group of Twenty. His idea is that the International Monetary Fund should be allowed to buy gold from central banks at something close to the free market price (currently around \$130 an ounce). Under the present rules, central banks can only sell gold to each other at the controlled price of \$42.50 an ounce. The IMF would pay for the gold with its own currency, the SDR's, and use the precious commodity to buy any currency that happens to be the victim of speculation, in this case the dollar.

Rogers arrives in Prague

PRAGUE (Reuters). — U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers arrived here yesterday for an official visit, the first since the signing of the Czechoslovakia and the West.

It is the first time a U.S. Secretary of State has visited Czechoslovakia since the country was founded in 1918. More important from the Czechoslovak point of view, it is the first visit here by a NATO foreign minister since before the Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968.

Since that time, no Western leader in office has wanted to come to Czechoslovakia for fear of giving implicit approval to the hard policy of "normalization" practiced here since the downfall of the Alexander Dubcek regime in 1968.

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No late news: TV staff in solidarity move

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel Television technicians last night prevented the relaying of the late night news and the daily verse from the Scriptures in a surprise labour sanctions move.

The Broadcasting Authority spokesman said the move was apparently in solidarity with the radio technicians and made without the TV technicians being aware that their radio colleagues pay demands were on the way to being settled.

The radio technicians had been curtailing spot commercials until Friday — when a labour court issued an interim order against these sanctions. Last night, at 7 p.m., the same court decided to a joint request by management and radio technicians to postpone a hearing scheduled for that hour, in order to allow the sides to continue negotiations.

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European-U.S. standoff on dollar issue

U.S. insists: No intervention

BASLE. — Western central bankers met twice yesterday behind closed doors in an apparent bid to see whether the U.S. will agree to intervene on world money markets to back the ailing dollar. But West German sources here said the U.S. was resisting such pressure from Western Europe and Japan.

The pressure on America came at the monthly meeting here of western central bankers from the rich West European countries plus the U.S., Canada and Japan. According to the West German sources, John Coombs, of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank, rejected the idea of American intervention to support its currency.

There was talk among the bankers of a possible crisis conference between finance ministers in the near future, possibly even this week. But sources on several delegations said this could only be decided when the central bankers have reported back to their governments.

The Europeans have flatly rejected any idea of again revaluing their currencies upwards.

French Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, before flying to Moscow from Paris yesterday, said France would neither revalue the French franc "nor be forced by others into revaluation."

Informed sources said that it appeared the meeting would be unproductive in view of the standoff between the U.S. and the other participants. According to West German sources close to Karl Clausen, the German Central Bank Governor, the U.S. "implied" that it will allow the dollar to keep on sinking if that is what the others are willing to let happen.

But this would be an extremely dangerous undertaking because Western Europe would be forced to erect protectionist trade barriers against American goods — now becoming extremely cheap due to the sinking of the dollar. This in turn, the sources said, will jeopardize the new round of GATT tariff reducing negotiations which are due to begin in Tokyo in September.

The dollar's recent decline has been caused principally by psychological factors, including the Watergate scandal and general anxieties about America's economic prospects. It has dragged down with it the British pound sterling and imposed severe strains on the system of jointly floating European currencies.

(AP, Reuters)

Dollar and pound drop 25% relative to mark

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The price of the dollar (and the Israeli pound) has fallen in terms of the Deutschmark by 25 per cent since March 1, and by 40 per cent since March 1 of last year, according to the Bank of Israel. In terms of the Swiss franc, the decline is 15 per cent since March four months ago — and 42 per cent since March 1972. Sterling has fallen as much as the dollar and the Israeli pound, so the exchange-rate between these currencies remains unchanged.

The cause of the dollar crisis is speculation, according to Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

Interviewed in Jerusalem yesterday, he said emphatically that the fall of the dollar is not justified by any decline in its purchasing power. The U.S.'s trade balance has improved this year, and at present currency values American exports are cheaper than European exports.

But the power of speculation has been, if anything, increased by the introduction of floating exchange rates. "It's the public," he told The Post (since the price of the floating currencies is fixed by supply and demand on the money markets). The public is responsive to rumours spread by interested parties, and this tends to make exchange rates volatile.

What is lacking is some form of central control, to offset the new instability, Mr. Sanbar earlier this year submitted a proposal which is presently on the agenda of the Group of Twenty. His idea is that the International Monetary Fund should be allowed to buy gold from central banks at something close to the free market price (currently around \$130 an ounce). Under the present rules, central banks can only sell gold to each other at the controlled price of \$42.50 an ounce. The IMF would pay for the gold with its own currency, the SDR's, and use the precious commodity to buy any currency that happens to be the victim of speculation, in this case the dollar.

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Never on Sunday

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Reports that trading in foreign currencies was suspended in Israel yesterday, owing to the world monetary crisis, were officially dismissed as meaningless yesterday.

"Currency trading is suspended every Sunday — simply because exchange rates are not quoted in Europe on that day," according to Mr. Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel. Nothing out of the ordinary happened this time, he added.

Banknotes and travellers' cheques are changed on Sunday according to prices prevailing the previous Friday. The purpose is to avoid inconvenience for travellers, he said.

Bigger transfers can be made, but then they are "linked" to the exchange rate that will prevail when foreign money markets open again on the following day.

Further public exchanges with Bourguiba futile: Eban

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet yesterday that he saw no point in Israel continuing to exchange public statements with President Bourguiba of Tunisia, who had publicly called Premier Meir a liar and had compared Israel to the Nazis. Mr. Bourguiba made these remarks in interviews published over the weekend.

Mr. Eban pointed out that Israel had repeatedly declared its readiness for talks with Mr. Bourguiba or any authoritative Arab leader without any preconditions. Israel had done enough to convince the world of its willingness and eagerness to talk with the Arabs and further public exchange of views with the Tunisian President through the news media was futile.

Mr. Eban said that Israel of course rejected Mr. Bourguiba's demand that it withdraw to the 1947 Partition borders — but this did not preclude meeting with him and talking to him.

Last month, Mr. Eban publicly challenged the Tunisian leader to suggest, through diplomatic channels, a time and a place for a meeting between him and an Israeli leader, which he had said he was interested in holding. So far, there has been no response from Tunisia.

'Avengers' heroine marries Israeli

LONDON (Reuters). — English actress Diana Rigg, who appears on the TV series "The Avengers," was married on Friday to Israeli painter Menachem Geffen, a spokesman for Miss Rigg revealed last night.

Miss Rigg, now on a six-month leave of absence from Britain's National Theatre, is about to make a new television comedy series, the Diana Rigg Show, in Los Angeles. Her 43-year-old husband has spent most of the last six years in Britain.

It was her first marriage and his second.

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Tiran	28	15-27	17-28

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Rose M. Kohn, President of Hadassah. The President also received the President of the National Labour Court, Zvi Bar-Niv.

President Katzir, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, other Cabinet ministers and leading rabbis yesterday attended the wedding of the son of Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Yitzhak Yosef Ovadia, and his bride, Edna. Former Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman officiated at the ceremony, held at Gan Oranin in Tel Aviv.

Avner Gazit, son of the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office and Mrs. Mordechai Gazit, and Ashalit Shilling, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ze'ev Shilling, were married yesterday at the Yehoshua Ben-Zakkai Synagogue in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. The guests included Prime Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Labour Minister Yosef Abot, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, Aish Shlomo Gazit (an uncle of the bridegroom), Aish Eilat Ze'ira and the Inspector-General of the Police.

An exhibition on "The Bible in Print and Art," under the patronage of David Ben-Gurion, will open at the Museum of Printing in Safed, at 5.30 p.m. today.

Dennis G. Osmond, Professor of Anatomy at McGill University, Montreal, will lecture on "Production and Differentiation of Bone Marrow Lymphocytes" today, July 9, 1973, at 12 noon, in Hall "Gimel," Mezzanine Floor, the Hebrew University-Medical School, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

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HELMANN-BORN, Rachel Helmann and Gabriel Born, in a private ceremony, on July 8, 1973.

DEPARTURES

Simha Sarason, Director-General of the Communications Ministry, to Geneva, to conclude an agreement with the Governments of France and Italy on the laying of an international telephone cable from Rome to Jerusalem as a contribution of the cable between Israel and Rome (by Tel Aviv).

Asker Yadin, chairman of Kupat Holim and secretary of Herut Ordina, to New York for two weeks, on Kupat Holim business (by Tel Aviv).

Arya Pines, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, to Geneva, to attend a conference of the Council of World Jewish Organizations (by Tel Aviv).

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Police still searching for kidnap car

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police here are still looking for the car in which Jacques Aivo of Yehud was kidnapped, and the room in which the little boy was held until his release. But they would make no statement concerning the results of their investigation so far.

Jacques, the eight-year-old son of Emile and Rachel Aivo of Yehud, was kidnapped on June 28 but found in a Tel Aviv street 18 hours after he disappeared.

The room where he was kept during that time is believed to be in the vicinity of the Shalom Tower. As to the kidnap car, police would not say what sort of vehicle they were looking for.



LET MY PEOPLE GO. — A mass demonstration was held in the Hativva Quarter of Tel Aviv yesterday, urging the leaders of the Arab nations to stop their persecution of their Jewish populations. (I.P.F.A.)

'No comment' on judge's spat with switchboard

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Courts Administration is replying with a stony "no comment" to all queries about the fate of a complaint against Tel Aviv District Court Judge Ze'ev Zeltner by the switchboard operator at the Tel Aviv courthouse.

The complaint, to the Director of Courts, Judge Moshe Nachshon, was made last Wednesday after Judge Zeltner allegedly ordered the police to fetch operator Lavana Aron to his room when she said she could not give him a line. Miss Aron fled, and other court staff walked out in sympathy.

Binyamin Halevi, the Gahal Knesset Member and former justice, filed a parliamentary question with the Justice Minister last Thursday, asking whether criminal action was being contemplated against the Tel Aviv judge for abusing his position.

LABOUR CAPITULATION TO NRP

Health insurance bill provides for kosher food in hospitals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The new health insurance bill will provide that kosher food must be served in hospitals where the majority of patients are Jewish. Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro presented a draft clause to this effect at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, thus preventing a coalition crisis between the National Religious Party and the other Government parties.

The health insurance bill, which stipulates that every person must be covered by one of the existing health insurance funds, is due to be tabled in the Knesset this week. It is not expected to become law before the end of this Knesset, however.

The NRP had stolidly refused to accept Labour ministers' argument that the food in Israel's hospitals is and always has been kosher, under an agreement reached by the Labour Movement and the Religious Zionists decades ago. Under pressure from Agudat Yisrael calling for this practice to be made into law, and with general elections in the offing, the NRP felt it had no alternative but to press for such legislation itself.

The Justice Minister contended that such a provision would be an infringement of the religious status quo.

After several meetings between Labour ministers and the NRP Knesset faction, Mr. Shapiro and Health Minister Victor Shemtov in effect gave in to the NRP.

Mr. Shapiro's draft which was approved unanimously by the Cabinet yesterday, provides for kosher meals in hospitals where the majority of patients are Jewish. Gentile patients will get the food required by their religion if they apply to the hospital director, the section provides. In hospitals where

Meir to probe TV show on slum families

By KENNEDY MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir has asked the social welfare authorities for a full report on two Jerusalem families featured on a weekend television programme investigating slum living conditions. The film, taken in the Capital's Nahlat quarter, was shown twice on Friday and on Saturday night.

The film showed two families, one with nine and one with 11 children, living in substandard housing. The head of one family was a semi-skilled construction worker earning 11,700 net a month. Asked by interviewer Benayahu Ben-Nun why he did not earn more in his trade as a concrete pourer, he said his illiteracy prevented his advancement.

Although National Insurance payments brought the family's monthly net income up to about 11,400, the children were described as having only bread and coffee for breakfast — and nothing for lunch.

The family's 16-year-old daughter said lack of food sometimes made her feel dizzy and prevented her from concentrating on her school work. The younger children were shown sleeping two and three in a bed, in one room.

The second family, on welfare because the father was ill and unable to work, was shown in similar circumstances.

Some welfare authorities have criticized the TV producers for giving an exaggerated and un-

M. Ulman to show photos at Sao Paulo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv artist Michal Ulman, 34, will represent Israel at the Sao Paulo art biennale in October, the Ministry of Education and Culture announced last week.

Mr. Ulman studied art at the Bezalel art school in Jerusalem, where he now teaches, and in London. He took part in the Biennale of Young Artists in Paris in 1968, in the Graphic Arts Biennale in Florence in 1970, and in an art exhibition in 1971.

Mr. Ulman's exhibit at Sao Paulo will be a series of photographs showing the transfer of land between a kibbutz and a neighbouring Arab village.

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Israel joins Asian trade union group

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel yesterday became formally affiliated to the Asian Regional Organization of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), when the Central Committee of the Histadrut unanimously approved the protocol signed by Histadrut and ARO representatives in Sydney last October.

The ARO executive will meet at Histadrut headquarters today, with the Histadrut represented by Nahman Fein, former secretary of the Histadrut Executive.

At yesterday's meeting, Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon commended "the moral courage of Asian trade unionists" for many countries lacked that courage, even if this was contrary to their national interests, he added.

ARCO president P.E. Narayana of Malaysia said the labour movement would "correct what the politicians missed" and try to bring the Asian peoples closer together. Both Turkey and Lebanon recently joined the ARO, he said, adding that there was nothing strange about trade unions sitting together in one organization, although their govern-

'Abrasha' found guilty of moonlighting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A civil service disciplinary court yesterday found Avraham "Abrasha" Aharonson guilty of running a private detective agency while serving as head of the Education Ministry's Information Centre in Tel Aviv.

The court deemed Mr. Aharonson by two grades for a period of six months, and recommended the Ministry of Education transfer him back to the Labour Ministry's Employment Service, which had "loaned" him to the Information Centre.

Jordanian troops said 'guarding' Dead Sea Works

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SODOM. — The Jordanian army guards the safety of Israel's Dead Sea Works, an official of the plant said yesterday, as the firm's 15th dredging barge was put into operation near the Jordanian border. (See "New dredger," page 11).

After the firm's Da'ud Waj, a Saudi Arabian expeditionary force, was stationed at es-Sa'f village at the southern end of the Dead Sea, he explained. While the Saudi Arabians were there, the plant or its workers were fired at some 16 times. Each time Israeli troops went into es-Sa'f, the Saudi Arabian troops left the area, only to return the following day. Finally, the army paved a six kilometre-long asphalt road to the village, to enable it to act quickly in case of a firing incident.

King Hussein reacted by ordering the removal of the Saudi forces and their replacement by Jordanian troops. The area has been quiet ever since.

Rotenstreich to universities' council

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday decided to recommend to President Ephraim Kishor the appointment of philosophy professor Nathan Rotenstreich as a member of the Council for Higher Education.

The recommendation is a statutory formality, since Prof. Rotenstreich's appointment by the Education Minister last week to head the Council's subcommittee on budget allocations for institutions of higher learning, can only take effect if he also becomes a member of the Council for Higher Education.

The Cabinet recommends candidates for the Council to the President, and the President then appoints them, under the Council for Higher Education Law.

Prof. Rotenstreich, 59, served as rector of the Hebrew University from 1963 to 1969.

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AFTER BIG OPIUM HAUL Suspected drug pedlar turns himself in

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the suspects in the "Israeli connection" of what police believe is an international drug ring turned himself in on Friday.

Shoshani, in one of the owners of Sami-Car, was remanded in custody for 15 days yesterday on suspicion of peddling narcotics.

Police had been looking for "Samir" Shoshani ever since detectives of the Tel Aviv drug squad raided the Sami-Car used car lot in Kiryat Shalom Thursday. A police hashish-detecting dog discovered 22 kilograms of pure opium and 24

kilos of hashish — worth (together) over half a million pounds — just outside the fence of the car lot. It was the largest haul of pure opium in the history of the Tel Aviv police.

Shoshani claimed he was not connected with the affair and did not know the police had been looking for him. Rahel Ilani, a lawyer from Nathan Kismet's law firm, represented Shoshani in court yesterday. She opposed the remand order, saying no drugs were found on her client's property and that Shoshani had been sick and had not been at the lot for several days prior to the raid.

The police prosecutor, Rav-Samuel Rishon Shimon Tzarfali, told Magistrate Yosef Megory-Cohen that the detectives of the drug squad had raided Sami-Car on the basis of a tip that Shoshani was dealing in drugs. The fact that the drugs were found just outside his lot and the enormous size of the haul justified holding the suspect for interrogation.

"We plan to find out how the narcotics are smuggled into the country, who distributes them and how they are exported out of the country," he said. "It will be necessary to question dozens of suspects, both in Israel and in the administered areas. If the suspect is released, he will hinder our investigation."

HELD FOR 15 DAYS

Judge Megory-Cohen accepted the police arguments and ordered the suspect held for 15 days.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the opium seized on Thursday was of very high quality and is believed to have been smuggled into the country from Lebanon. Part of it was intended for local consumption and part of it for export, most likely to Canada (where it would be worth \$1m.).

The police expect further arrests soon.

Since the tip-off on Shoshani (reportedly from an Arab resident of the territory), Sami-Car has been under surveillance. The police stake-out reportedly discovered that a number of "customers" at the lot have police records for drug offenses. All of them will be interrogated now.

During the past few years, the police have managed to curtail the traffic in hashish and to reduce the supply on the market. Police believe the large haul of opium is an indication that more drug abusers are turning to harder drugs as a result.

Murder trial delayed — till after matric

GAZA. — Six Gaza Strip youths charged with murder had their trial postponed until August yesterday — to allow them to sit for their high school matriculation examinations.

The six — and three other men whose trial began in a Gaza military court yesterday — are charged in connection with the murders last February of Father Hanna el-Nimri, priest of Gaza's Catholic community, and of Shati refugee camp chairman Ismail el-Arabi.

CROWDS FROM ALL OVER Israel flocked to capacity the new bench at Dikla, the moshav in the Rafah Approaches, Saturday, just two weeks after the bench was officially opened to the public.



Police negotiate with some of the squatters who occupied new flats in Rehov Mahal yesterday morning. The poster reads: "Black Panthers Operation Price freeze: We won't pay more." (Starphoto)

Tel Aviv squatters charge Housing Ministry swindle

TEL AVIV. — Police last night were trying to persuade 35 young couples who had squatted in new Housing Ministry flats here early yesterday morning to leave peacefully.

Black Panther leaders, who claimed to have organized the action, said the police arrested three of the squatters, but freed them after the couples agreed to "negotiate."

The couples, including several with infants, claim they signed up for the flats, in Rehov Mahal, three and a half years ago. At the time

they were told the flats would cost IL42,000, and each couple made a down payment of IL5,000.

The flats should have been ready for occupancy 18 months ago, the couples said. Due to rising prices, they have now been told to pay an additional IL23,000.

The couples, most of whom are from the Hatzvya Quarter, claim the Housing Ministry has "swindled them." Denying they are trespassers, one of them said: "We have only taken possession of the homes that were promised us." (Itim)

Allon to leave hospital soon, Dayans see him

Jerusalem Post Staff

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Tzvi Allon is expected to be released within a week from the Sheba Medical Centre, where he was admitted eight days ago suffering from a cardiac disturbance. Mr. Allon is making a routine recovery, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Dayan were among Mr. Allon's visitors in the past few days. They spent about half an hour at his bedside. Earlier he had been visited by Premier Golda Meir and by other Cabinet colleagues.

Mr. Allon is spending his time reading and watching TV, but he has also begun to attend to Ministry matters, which are brought to him by his staff. Doctors have urged him to cut down on the number of visitors he receives, so he can get a complete rest.

Dr. Mordechai Shani, medical director of Sheba Medical Centre, said Mr. Allon was being kept in hospital for "rest and observation." He added: "The biggest problem we have had with Mr. Allon is the endless stream of visitors."

Mr. Allon, it is learned, is suffering from mild ischemia, defined as an insufficient quantity of blood reaching the heart due to constriction of the blood vessels feeding it. Dr. Shani notes that persons suffering from ischemia "live to 90, if not 120."

THE 17 GEL footballers of the Ramat Gan Hapoel women's team left by air last week for West Germany, where they will play an eight-game series in Frankfurt and other towns.

Israel Beduin plan 'united election front'

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — Some 40 sheikhs and notables, representing Israel's 64,000 Beduin from the Negev and Galilee, gathered at the Desert Inn Hotel here yesterday morning to form "a united front for the October elections" — for the first time in history.

Their spokesman, Sheikh Mohammed Hassan el-Chadid of Galilee and Sheikh Oudh Abu Muammer and All Abu Rabeyeh of the Negev, told reporters that every minority group had some representation in the Knesset, except the Beduin, and it was "time to change this." The Arab Knesset members, they said, have done nothing for the Beduin in the State's 25 years.

The Knesset Beduin, he said, numbered at least 27,000 registered voters, and have been loyal to the State since it was established. Their sons have volunteered for army service, and they have taken an active part in the country's economic life — achieving a standard of living which surpasses by far that of the Beduin in Jordan. But only a Beduin can understand the Beduin's needs — such as water, roads, electricity, schools and grazing land.

Sheikh Abu Rabeyeh said he had

sent messages to Premier Golda Meir and to Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, expressing the Beduin's desire to join the Labour Party. He also spoke to Mrs. Meir when he met her at the "Israel 73" exhibition two weeks ago. Deputy Premier Tzvi Allon, he added, promised his support four years ago. However, if a positive answer fails to come from the Labour Party, he said, they will run for the Knesset on a separate list.

Druse leaders defy disapproval to visit Kanj

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — A delegation of Druse religious leaders will pay a visit to Sheikh Kamal Kanj at Majdal Shams in Northern Golan today to congratulate him on his release from prison — despite the disapproval of Government authorities and the vociferous objections of many members of their own community.

Kamal Kanj was sentenced to 23 years' imprisonment last year for spying on behalf of the Syrians, but was pardoned a month ago as part of an Israel-Syria prisoner exchange. The religious leaders, headed by Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif, cancelled their originally planned visit early last month after many Druse — including young army veterans — objected to their traveling to congratulate a man who had been sentenced for trying to harm Israel, to which they have sworn allegiance.

The religious leaders have now decided to go ahead with the visit, on the grounds that Druse tradition requires visiting a man released from prison. This does not mean that they necessarily have to approve of what he did to get there, they argue.

The authorities are not expected to intervene in the dispute, but are not concealing their dissatisfaction with the visit, it is learned.

Summer ulpanim planned for young olim

JERUSALEM. — Some 12,000 immigrant schoolchildren will participate in the various summer ulpanim about to open under the auspices of the Youth Aliya and the Ministries of Education and Absorption.

Some 8,500 of the participants are elementary school students; the rest are in high school. The purpose of the ulpanim, which are planned for schoolchildren who have arrived in the country since the beginning of 1972, is to give participants a command of the language and heighten their interest in Hebrew subjects. The courses will be of five weeks' duration and will consist of between 125 and 250 class hours.

Ulpans will be set up in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba and Netanya — and a place elsewhere there are 10 or more potential participants. Students from locales with too few immigrants will travel to the central ulpanim or stay at one of the 16 dormitory ulpanim available for new immigrants.

Religious schoolchildren will have separate classes.

Ammunition fished out of Dead Sea

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces yesterday found six boxes containing 60-mm mortar shells, ammunition for Hotchkiss machineguns, an American M-35 mine and several detonators — at the bottom of the Dead Sea. The ammunition was discovered by Israeli swimming 50 meters south of the pier at Kalya. It was rusted and unusable, according to experts who examined it, and was believed to have been discarded before the Six Day War.

Switchblade suspect remanded by court

TEL AVIV. — A Safed resident, suspected of robbing a paint shop owner and threatening him with a switchblade, was remanded in Magistrates' Court here on Friday for 15 days.

The suspect, Yona Mizrahi, was arrested by police in Tiberies after his description was circulated by the Tel Aviv police. He was sought for allegedly robbing Yitzhak Katz, owner of a paint shop in Rehov Tchernobovsky, of IL5,500, after threatening him with a knife and hitting him over the head. He is also suspected of having stolen jewelry from a Tel Aviv housewife several days earlier, after posing as a house painter.

Blaze destroys Kiryat Ono citrus grove

TEL AVIV. — A two-hour blaze in Kiryat Ono yesterday destroyed a 400-dunam citrus grove.

The fire, which broke out in several spots at once, was fought by three fire engines. As it reached Rehov Wallach the fire threatened to spread to the Texopolis ribbon plant; but the firefighters' hoses were turned on the building, saving it from the blaze.

One of the fire engines was operated by a lone fireman, who had to connect the hoses, turn them on and direct the water all by himself — in addition, to driving the engine. When the water ran out, he had to leave the scene in order to get his tank refilled. The duty officer at the Beal Brak fire station said he had sent all five available men to the fire.

The cause of the fire has not been established. (Itim)



Kupat Holim nurses group in strike bid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut spokesman on Saturday warned nurses and medical orderlies against what he termed "hasty steps" after a meeting of Kupat Holim nurses and orderlies decided their labour contract, due to run to 1974, was no longer valid.

The declaration of a labour dispute, to begin in two weeks, was made at an "emergency meeting" attended by several dozen nurses and orderlies. The Histadrut spokesman stressed that the Histadrut has sole authority for signing collective agreements. He reiterated that the agreement, already approved and ratified, was binding on all, and warned against attempts to organize splinter groups.

The Histadrut's National Federation of Nurses, which represents the Kupat Holim personnel, specifically rejected the declaration of a labour dispute. Union general secretary Haima Ish-Shalom brand of the announcement "unauthoritative" and said it should therefore not be accepted as binding by Kupat Holim staffers.

Nablus prisoners stage protest for higher wages

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 400 terrorist inmates of the Nablus central prison have started protest "sanctions" in a unique "labour dispute" over their pay.

The inmates rejected visits by their relatives over the weekend in protest against the authorities' refusal to meet their demands for higher pay. The prisoners want their IL3 weekly wages tripled. (They are paid for working in the prison's handicrafts and plastics plants.)

A Nablus municipal source said Deputy Mayor Adel Shak's yesterday conferred with the local Military Governor, Alut-Mishne Eliezer Segov, on the prisoners' demands and on their boycott of visitors — which is reportedly stirring up a storm in town.

Convicted terrorists get short terms

LYDDA. — Two Nazareth men were sentenced to relatively short jail terms by a military court here last week after admitting to membership in Fatah in Israel, England and the U.S.

Adib Ahmed Abu Alan, 30, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment; and Samir Toufik Ramdan, 27, to two years.

Before sentences were handed down, two character witnesses testified on behalf of the prisoners — Deputy Health Minister Abdul Aziz Zuabi and the Mayor of Nazareth, Saif e-Din Zuabi. (Itim)

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After coup attempt Mass arrest in Iraq of Ba'thist leaders

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese newspaper "An-Nahar" said yesterday that mass arrests were made among Ba'thist leaders in Baghdad following the discovery of "Nazem Kassar's operation" last weekend.

In an uncorroborated report from Baghdad, the mass-circulation daily said the arrested included Abdel Kasek al-Samir, member of the 25-man Revolutionary Command Council, whom the paper described as the third man in Iraq after President Ahmed Hassan Bakr and Deputy President Saddam Hussein.

The paper said that Mr. Samir, member of the Pan-Arab leadership of the ruling Ba'th party, was arrested last week while on his way to Iran with the party's documents, Baghdad security plan, and other party and military secret papers.

Colonel Nazem Kassar, Iraq's security chief and 22 others were executed in Baghdad on Saturday following their trial after an abortive coup attempt in which Defence Minister General Hammad Shehab

and three officers were killed and the Interior Minister wounded.

In a political development, an emergency conference of the regional leadership of the Ba'th party, held late Saturday, decided to organize party elections within four months, Baghdad Radio said yesterday.

"An-Nahar" said other arrests included Na'im Haddad, member of the national leadership of the Ba'th party, Mohammed Fadhel, chief of the party's military office, and Ali Rida, a party executive official.

It claimed that before being arrested last weekend, Colonel Kassar stipulated that a meeting should be held at the house of Mr. Samir and attended by all Ba'thist leaders.

The meeting, according to the paper, was to "tighten the drive against the Kurds, participate in the eastern front against Israel, remove all right-wing elements from the party and the army, weaken the authority of new Ba'thist military men and give all cabinet portfolios to members of the party pan-Arab leadership." (Reuters, UPI)

'Soviets move away from Cairo and Damascus'

MOSCOW (APF). — The Soviet Union has been moving away from Cairo and Damascus in the past few months, preferring to reach an understanding with the U.S. on Middle East problems, most political observers here feel. They point out that no mention of U.N. Resolution 242 or Gunnar Jarring's mission was made in the Nixon-Brezhnev communiqué following their summit meetings.

The Soviets are apparently less concerned than they were over the possibility of a renewed general conflagration in the Middle East, the observers say. They appear to be more interested in Iran's armament policy and in developments in the Persian Gulf area. It is also pointed out that trade between Russia and Egypt dropped by 20 per cent in 1972 over the previous year, and that no top-level Soviet personage has visited Egypt since July 1972, when the Soviet advisers were expelled from that country.

Despite Soviet avowals of support for "Arab unity," the sources say, the Soviet press has failed to show much enthusiasm for the Egyptian-Libyan merger. The Kremlin obviously regards Libya's Colonel Gaddafi as a "dangerous" man because of his enormous oil riches and fanatical anti-Communist ideology.

The visit of President Sadat's adviser, Hafez Ismail, to Moscow on Thursday will be the first high-level Soviet-Egyptian contact since Mr. Brezhnev's visit to the Egyptian capital last September. His visit follows generally expressed Egyptian criticism of the Brezhnev-Nixon talks.

Egyptian-Libyan unity differences sharpen

CAIRO. — Differences between Egypt and Libya came into the open again yesterday as President Sadat and Muammar Gaddafi continued their marathon discussions on unity issues. Their talks have been going

on for more than two weeks on the merger, which is scheduled for September 1.

Musa Sabry, editor of the mass circulation "Al Akhbar," wrote yesterday in the most outspoken comment yet, "It would be unwise at all for unity to take place when Libya has Arab and foreign policy outlines different from those of Egypt."

Teheran report: Shah wants to mediate in M.E.

TEHRAN (AP). — The influential Tehran evening paper "Kayhan" yesterday said that during his forthcoming visit to the U.S., the Shah of Iran will try to act as a mediator in the Middle East crisis. It said Egypt, Jordan and other Arab countries have expressed a desire for such mediation.

Except for Iran and Libya, Iran has friendly relations with all Arab countries.

The royal court announced yesterday that the Shah and Empress Farah will start their four-day state visit on July 24 and that King Hussein of Jordan, who came to Iran on June 27 for a week stay, has prolonged his stay for another week. "Kayhan" also reported that during his stay in Iran, King Hussein has been discussing the Middle East crisis with the Shah and has asked the Shah to take action to solve the problem.

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ADRIFT 118 DAYS AFTER WHALE RAMMED YACHT

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (UPI). — A British couple who survived 118 days in open life rafts in the Pacific, living on fish caught with safety pins, said yesterday an injured whale sank their yacht.

Michael and Marilyn Bailey, 41 and 32 years old, of Southampton, radioed a report on their adventure to the U.S. Coast Guard here from a Korean fishing ship which rescued them on June 30 off the Nicaraguan coast about 640 kms. south of Acapulco, Mexico.

The master of the Korean ship said the couple was now able to walk and appeared to be in good health. When the Baileys were picked up, they were in poor condition.

The Baileys told the Coast Guard they had sailed from Southampton on June 22, 1972, bound for New Zealand in their

eight-ton yacht, Auriya.

When they arrived about 400 kms. west of Ecuador last March 4, they were rammed by an injured whale which made a hole in the yacht's hull below the waterline, they said.

The couple evacuated the yacht in two four-man rubber life rafts, taking with them canned food, water containers, flares, paddles and other gear. They tied the rafts together, each occupying one of them. The couple said they bent safety pins into fish hooks and ate raw fish, shark, sea birds and turtles which they caught.

They said seven ships passed them before one finally spotted them and took them aboard.

The Korean vessel is taking the couple to Pusan, South Korea, and will arrive there about August 3.

Mass kidnap in Rhodesia: Thirteen still missing

SALISBURY (Reuters). — Security forces searching for guerrillas who abducted almost 300 pupils and staff from a Jesuit mission school in northeastern Rhodesia found yesterday a 14-year-old girl who collapsed after escaping from her kidnappers.

But 13 others, including seven primary school children, were still missing after Thursday's raid, and four local Africans were still believed to be in the hands of the guerrillas.

Troops combing the dense brush around the border with Mozambique came across the girl, named Prisca, near where she had collapsed on Saturday. Her plight was

reported by two girl companions who got back to St. Albert's Mission during the night. She was taken to a rest camp where she was said to be none the worse for her ordeal.

Most of the 292 pupils and staff escaped — or were freed by security forces — shortly after the incident. But although the guerrillas were earlier thought to be parading as the security net closed in on them, there have been no further reports of contact since an exchange of fire on Friday left one guerrilla dead.

Soviet spacemen to U.S. for joint training

MOSCOW (UPI). — Eight Soviet cosmonauts, two of whom are scheduled to join three American astronauts in space in 1975, flew to the U.S. yesterday to begin joint training, the Tass said.

The cosmonauts were accompanied by about 20 other Soviet space scientists and engineers, Soviet sources said.

The Soviets announced on May 24 that they had chosen Col. Alexei Leonov, the world's first space walker, and pilot-cosmonaut Valery Kubasov, both aged 38, as the prime Soviet crew for the joint mission.

Six backup crew members were also named — Col. Anatoly Filipchenko, Nikolai Rukavishnikov, Maj. Vladimir Dzhazbekov, Boris Andreyev, Capt. Yuri Romanenko and Alexander Tsvanochkov.

VOSEA. — Two Moscow women who worked in a distillery have each been sentenced to three years imprisonment for smuggling out vodka in rubber gloves and children's balloons, a Moscow newspaper reported yesterday.

Sapir: No retroactive wage contracts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All future wage contracts should be signed before the existing wage contracts expire, and wage contracts in all the various sectors of the economy should be for the same time period, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet yesterday.

The Cabinet decided, at Mr. Sapir's suggestion, to have the Cabinet Committee on Wages negotiate with the Histadrut before a formal decision which would abolish the practice of retroactive wage payments.

The Finance Minister illustrated the harm done to the national economy by the existing practice of signing wage contracts late and then giving the employees large sums in back pay. Labour relations also suffer seriously as a result of the delayed contracts, he said.

Cabinet body to study wage claims of civil servants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet Committee on Wages will set up a joint committee with the Histadrut to examine the charge made recently by civil servants that the Government's wage contract with the engineers has left the civil servants at a disadvantage.

Civil servants in the unified grading scale, which covers administrative staff, signed their own wage contract long before the engineers. They threatened a one-day strike last week to protest the alleged distortions in their pay, but called the strike off at the last moment.

Announcing the joint committee in yesterday's Cabinet session, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said the civil servants' pay claims were backed by the Histadrut, the Civil Servants Union and the Clerks Union.

Phnom Penh's sea link open in day-long battle

PHNOM PENH (UPI). — The Cambodian High Command said Highway 4, Phnom Penh's only land link to the sea, was open yesterday for the first time in four days. The command said the entire 215 kms. length of the highway to Kompong Som in the Gulf of Thailand was open for travel.

American warplanes bombarded guerrilla positions on all sides of the capital Saturday night and through yesterday, backing up government soldiers trying to keep the Communists from cutting off the city, field reports said.

Military sources said in a delayed report that several hundred government soldiers were killed or wounded on Friday when they retreated to higher ground from the town of Phnom Del, 35 kms. north of Phnom Penh.

The command also said that the first elements of a truck-rice convoy from Battambang, the rice-rich northwestern province, had arrived in the capital on Saturday night, indicating that Highway 5, also was at least partially open.

There was heavy ground fighting Saturday within 32 kms. of Phnom Penh.

In the capital, the National Radio reported that President Lon Nol was about to make an overseas trip. There was some speculation that the president would leave the country in order to speed the implementation of the Government peace proposal.

The latest government peace proposal called for an immediate cease fire and withdrawal of all foreign troops.

In announcing a six-point peace plan, Foreign Minister Long Boret indicated that the Government might be willing to talk to ousted Cambodian chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Sihanouk has said in the past that he would never negotiate with the present government, particularly not with Lon Nol.

North Vietnam yesterday said President Richard Nixon "wants to use violence to solve the Cambodia question." Hanoi's Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported.

North Vietnam's official newspaper, "Nhan Dan," claimed U.S. Secretary of Defence James Schlesinger at a Pentagon press conference last Friday, "admitted that the U.S. is escalating the war" in Cambodia.

Gallup poll: Most believe Nixon involved in Watergate

PRINCETON, New Jersey (AP). — Seventy-one per cent of Americans believe President Nixon had some involvement with the Watergate bugging or cover-up, but only 18 per cent feel he should be removed from office, according to the latest Gallup poll.

The poll, taken on June 22-25, also showed 98 per cent of the 1,451 persons questioned were aware of the Watergate scandal — indicating a growing awareness since a survey taken last September when 82 per cent said they knew about Watergate.

The poll shows little change in opinions concerning Mr. Nixon's involvement in Watergate since the last Gallup survey on June 1-4. The most recent poll was taken after former presidential counsel John Dean charged in public testimony that Mr. Nixon knew about the Watergate cover-up.

Those questioned in the poll were given a series of statements about Mr. Nixon's connection with Watergate and asked which most closely matched their opinion. They were also asked whether Mr. Nixon should be compelled to leave office.

Eight per cent said they believed Mr. Nixon planned the bugging of Democratic National Headquarters from the beginning and 27 per cent said he did not plan it but knew about it beforehand. Another 36 per cent said they felt he took part in a cover-up.

Vietnam fight over search for Canadians

SAIGON. — A search for two missing Canadian Vietnam war observers has broken down amid claims by the Vietcong that the South Vietnamese army is "land grabbing."

The Vietcong said the search for the two officers had to be called off because the South Vietnamese were attacking the area where the men are believed to be, near the rubber plantation village of Car Tam, 55 kms. east of Saigon.

A Vietcong spokesman said yesterday it would be impossible to resume the search until the Vietnamese forces stopped "land grabbing" operations in the area.

Hungarian and Canadian officers of the Vietnam Ceasefire Commission started searching for the missing men — Captain Jan Fatten and Captain Fletcher Thomson — last Saturday.

The South Vietnamese command said it knew of no government operations in the search area.

A South Vietnamese air force transport plane suffered an engine failure and crashed on takeoff Saturday night. Initial reports said 2 persons were rescued and 14 were missing. (UPI, Reuters)

PLO may open B'Aires office

BUENOS AIRES (APF). — The Palestine Liberation Organization is planning to establish a regional Latin-American office in Argentina with the aid of local elements, the Board of Jewish Organizations in Argentina has announced here.

The statement said that the ARA terrorist organizations are seeking to transfer some of their operation headquarters from the European continent following the stepped-up anti-terror security measures of various European governments.

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France bans ships from N-test site

PARIS — The French Government yesterday warned all ships that the danger zone around its Pacific nuclear test site will be off limits starting on Wednesday.

During past summers the suspension of shipping around the Mururoa Atoll site in French Polynesia has been a signal the tests were imminent. The brief announcement was printed yesterday in the government's official journal.

France has indicated it intends to continue with its atmospheric

atomic tests despite protests by Pacific Ocean countries and a request two weeks ago by the World Court that Paris suspend this summer's tests.

Yesterday's decree empowered the admiral in command of the test zone to "take all necessary measures to ensure the security of vessels, and people aboard vessels, which contravened the order."

This paragraph appeared to be directly aimed at protest vessels which have sailed into the region and it was expected that they would be intercepted shortly by French navy vessels which would escort them to Tahiti or out of the area. There was no immediate indication what attitude French authorities would take towards the only foreign naval vessel in the area, the New Zealand frigate Otago, which was heading for the region with a cabinet minister aboard.

But in Wellington, the New Zealand Government said yesterday it will order the Otago inside the 60-mile danger zone around Mururoa Atoll, despite the French ban.

Defence Minister Arthur Faulkner said last night "we certainly intend to be a lot closer than 60 miles." Two French military planes shadowed the Otago on Saturday and New Zealand Press Association correspondent David Barber reported from the frigate yesterday that the Otago's crew believed the French may now send a naval vessel to have a closer look.

Last year's tests lasted about a month. There was no indication how many blasts there would be, but some reports said there would be more than the three held last year.

French politician Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber has led a group of Frenchmen to Tahiti to lead demonstrations there against the tests and in Paris a new anti-test group has been formed. (UPI, Reuters) (See story, Page 12)

Brothels urged for tired U.K. politicians

LONDON (AP). — Young British Conservatives have urged a Pan-European chain for government-supervised brothels for the use of hard-worked politicians. The availability of officially-licensed "girls" would lessen the risk of scandals like that which rocked the British Government recently, they claimed.

Two Conservative government ministers, the Lords Lambton and Jellicoe, were forced to resign because of liaisons with prostitutes. Ten years ago Conservative War Minister John Profumo had to resign for the same reason.

The London Young Conservatives' magazine "Glug" suggested: "Girls could be checked out by the security forces and the premises from which they operated could be regularly inspected. In view of the number of politicians now spending large amounts of time on the continent, the security forces of European countries could establish safe houses in each country."

The Young Conservative proposal appeared to have been made in all seriousness, so much so that the group refused to bow to pressure from the Tory party's central headquarters to alter the article.

Neo-Nazi may hold civil service post

BONN (AP). — An active member of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party can also hold a civil-service post, an inter-ministerial commission in Baden-Wuerttemberg has ruled.

The decision was taken on a 38-year-old former NPD deputy in the Baden-Wuerttemberg parliament, Rolf Kossiek Kossiek, who is a teacher at a vocational training school, had earlier been refused permission to teach by the ministry of Culture of the Rheinland-Palatinate.

BILLIE JEAN WINS THIRD

WIMBLEDON (UPI). — Billie Jean King wrapped up the 87th Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships as her personal property yesterday by winning her third title of the tournament.

The 23-year-old American who first came to Wimbledon as "Little Miss Marmitta" added the "mixed doubles crown" to the Women's Singles and Women's doubles titles she collected on Saturday.

Mr. King paired Owen Davidson of Australia to an easy straight-set victory over Janet Newberry of La Jolla, California, and Raul Ramirez of Mexico, 6-3, 6-2, on a

Samuel Fisher to head Board of British Jews

LONDON (INA). — Sir Samuel Fisher was yesterday elected without opposition the 25th president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The assembled deputies 478 have been elected so far — gave him a standing ovation.

The president, Alderman Michael Fidler, M.P., said of his successor, "He is a distinguished civic leader. He has upheld and represented Jewish values all his life. He has worked with us as vice-president. I am confident he will make a splendidly able leader of British Jewry."

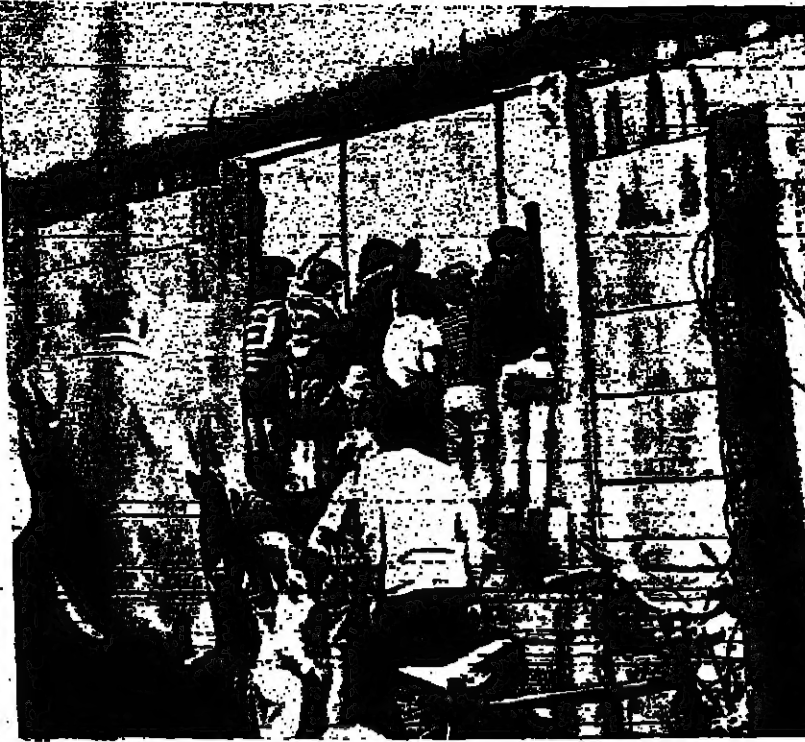
The vice-presidents, treasurer and other honorary officers of the Board will be elected on July 29.

Guerrillas attack police on both sides of Irish border

BELFAST (UPI). — Guerrilla gunmen attacked police posts on both sides of the Irish border Northern Ireland police said.

The Northern Ireland police station at Belcoo and the Irish Republic police station at neighbouring Blacklion both came under gunfire before dawn yesterday, a spokesman said.

"There were no casualties on either side but the incident is highly unusual," the Northern Ireland police spokesman said. "It's unique for the same gunmen to attack



West Berlin children peer through big hole in Communist wall yesterday after East German guards opened fire at fleeing refugees. (AP radio photo)

Uruguay troops enforce back-to-work

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters). — Heavily armed troops patrolled Uruguay's only oil refinery yesterday as the furnaces were refit amid signs that a 12-day-old general strike was crumbling.

Soldiers in battledress are keeping a 24-hour armed guard on refinery workers who have been mobilized under an old law drafting them into the army and treating them as deserters if they refuse to work.

Troops were also occupying other important industrial plants, apparently to avoid possible acts of sabotage.

A 28-year-old man was killed in a gunfight with an army patrol on Saturday after he was caught sabotaging vehicles, a government communiqué said.

Most of the country's haulage drivers returned to work on Friday and rail and road transport went back to normal on Saturday. Banks also opened for business.

Arrest warrants have been issued for 52 leaders of the outlawed Communist-controlled National Workers' Federation (ONT), which organized the strike.

Icelandic warship fires at German trawlers

REYKJAVIK (AP). — The Icelandic gunboat Aegir yesterday fired four blank rounds and six live rounds in front of the West German trawler Hugo Homann BX 643, from Bremerhaven, Icelandic coast-guard sources said.

The sources said the German trawler's crew was fishing 12 miles inside the disputed 50 mile fisheries limits off Iceland's southwest coast.

The Aegir came upon the Hugo Homann and another West German trawler in this area, and the captain of the gunboat, Gudmundur Kaernstedt, warned the trawlers to leave the 50 mile zone, said the sources.

When the Hugo Homann did not heed the warning, the Aegir first fired four blank rounds and then six live rounds in front of the trawler, they said.

After the firing the West German trawlers hauled in their gear and moved out of the limits.

FISH. — More than three million fish in the River Guadiana in Spain have died of a mystery disease in the last few days, it was reported yesterday.

Guards' shooting at Berlin Wall draws protest

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — Hundreds of angry West Germans demonstrated near the Berlin Wall on Saturday night after East German border guards fired at three persons trying to cross the wall to the west, the police said here yesterday.

The 300-strong crowd gathered at a section of the wall in the north of the city and stood shouting "murderers," police said. They also damaged a wire fence and some concrete blocks on the wall before West German police and French military police forced them to disperse. East German soldiers later repaired the damage.

Police said they did not know whether the East Germans had arrested any of the escapees.

In Bonn, government spokesman Armin Gruenewald condemned the shooting and described it as "a new act of violence which is in obvious contrast to all efforts towards détente."

Since the East-West German "Good neighbour treaty" which came into force on June 21, East German border guards have shot and killed at least one East German during escape attempts across the heavily-fortified frontier.

TRUCK. — Five persons were killed in New Delhi on Saturday night when a truck ploughed into a crowd sleeping on the pavement.

Patriarch 'damns' bishops who unfrocked Makarios

NICOSIA (AP). — Patriarch Nicholas of Alexandria, the president of the major Orthodox Synod meeting here, yesterday "pronounced damnation" upon the three dissident bishops who unfrocked President Archbishop Makarios.

Observers saw the Patriarch's action as likely to increase the danger of a religious-political civil war between the bitterly divided Cypriot factions supporting Makarios and the bishops.

Patriarch Nicholas launched a virulent attack against the three bishops in a speech after mass in the Church of Evangelistria of Faloukios. He said: "We deliver them this moment to anathema and may they bear the consequences." He said through their actions the three bishops "cast themselves out of paradise and the martyr church of Saint Barnabas (of Cyprus)."

"If the three reject a final conciliation plea by the Synod the church is empowered through the grace of God to punish them in order to restore and impose the disturbed moral and ecclesiastical order here," Nicholas warned.

This was taken as an indication a Synod may proceed to unfrock the three bishops themselves, if they continue to reject its decisions. The Synod was convened by Makarios to try the three bishops on charges of conspiracy, creating a schism and staging illegal assemblies, in the wake of their decision last April to unfrock him.

Grivas reported critically ill

NICOSIA (AP). — The Leftist Greek Cypriot newspaper "Ta Nea" reported yesterday that General George Grivas, the leader of the anti-Makarios EOKA underground, is critically ill following an operation. It said Grivas is being kept alive through constant blood transfusions in a private clinic in Nicosia.

Pro-Grivas newspapers discounted such reports, stating that "he is in perfect health."

LOOT ALMOST LEFT BEHIND

DETROIT (UPI). — Two men held up a Detroit restaurant on Saturday, but they almost forgot what they came for.

Employees of the Church Chicken Restaurant told police the bandits were leaving when one shouted: "Hey, stupid — you forget the money."

The second man ran back and grabbed a bag containing about \$1,600 from the manager's office, he apparently had set down while locking the manager in an office closet.

3 Italian cyclists die on 'risky' race curve

MONZA, Italy (UPI). — Three Italian motorcyclists lost their lives yesterday in a crash on the same curve where Finnish ace Jarno Saarinen and Renzo Pasolini of Italy died seven weeks earlier.

Renzo Galtruccio, Carlo Chionio and Renzo Colombini were injured fatally in a pileup of 12 drivers on the fifth lap of the Italian Juniors 500 c.c. Championship Race.

Motorcyclists had protested at Saturday's trials that the curve was too risky because they could not slow down sufficiently to take it safely after building up to speeds of 220 to 230 k.p.h. on the straight.

Rumor gov't takes power in Italy

ROME (Reuters). — Italy's new Centre-Left coalition government, designed to pull the country out of a political and economic quagmire, took power yesterday.

The four-party coalition — Italy's 35th government, since the fall of fascism — is headed by veteran Christian Democrat Mariano Rumor. It groups the giant Christian Democratic Party, the Social Democrats, Republicans and Leftwing Socialists.

The 28-man cabinet, formed on Saturday night by Signor Rumor after two weeks of hard bargaining and internal party squabbling, was sworn in by President Giovanni Leone yesterday.

The task facing them is daunting and calls for what Signor Rumor, a 58-year-old former school teacher, terms "shock therapy" for Italy.

Problems include politically-motivated violence, a currency which has depreciated more than 20 per cent this year, a lagging economy and the highest unemployment rate in Europe.

Officials said there was nothing they could do about the curve because the track was designed primarily for automobile racing.

Following the fatalities, officials cancelled the rest of the day's programme, a 150 c.c. race and the 500-kms. speed and endurance event.

The pileup, like the one that killed Saarinen and Pasolini in the Italian Grand Prix on May 20, started when one racer skidded on the controversial curve immediately after the final straight of the last lap, officials said.

Witnesses said Colombini went into a slide and Chionio, Galtruccio, Gaudenzio Protti and Vittorio Altrocchi piled up behind him. The other motorcyclists ploughed into them or hit piles of straw at the side of the track.

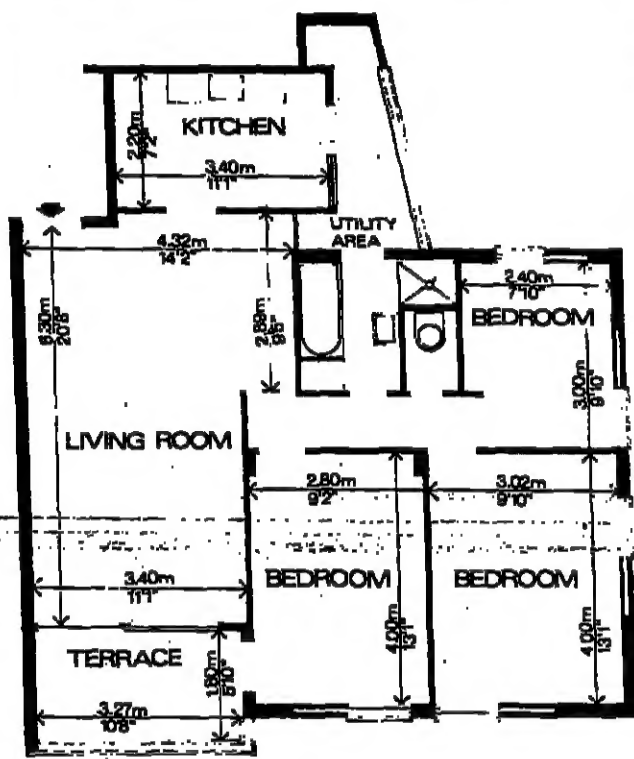
Officials who began an immediate investigation said they would consider the possibility of an oil slick in taking testimony.

Saarinen had expressed fear of the Monza track in an interview several days before his death, saying: "It's fast but above all it's dangerous. The asphalt there now could be all right for cars which have four wheels but not for motorcycles which have only two."

Less than two weeks later officials cancelled an International Formula Three auto race on the track moments before it was scheduled to start because of "heat-produced irregularities" and slight bumps on parts of the track.

On June 12 the 500-kms. race was postponed from June 24 to yesterday, but no reason was given for the action.

WEEKENDS. — The Laotian cabinet has decided to give civil servants a full weekend off by dropping compulsory military training on Saturday mornings. The increasing cost of food was behind the decision, since civil servants will now be able to supplement their low income by doing other jobs on the weekend.



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The Independent Liberal Party: What it stands for

Kol calls for the speeding up of Bikat Hayarden settlement

Housing Rights Law is required

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33 settlements from Ramat Hagolan to Mifratz Shlomo affiliated to the I.L.P.

The Independent Liberal Party calls on the settlement authorities to accelerate the allocation of land to settlement groups of young people from the Moshavim Ha'oved Hazoni Organisation, who are waiting to settle in Bikat Hayarden and other regions. This demand was voiced recently by Minister Moshe Kol, at a meeting of the Secretariat of the Party, on his return from a tour of I.L.P. moshavim (villages) in the north of the country.

In giving his impressions gathered during the tour, Minister Kol said that there had been agricultural and economic development at a satisfactory pace and of adequate scope at the new Ha'oved Hazoni settlements: Net Hagolan on the Golan Heights, Neve Ativ on the foothills of Mt. Hermon, and Dai Zahav on Mifratz Shlomo, near



Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol

Sharm-e-Sheikh. The Independent Liberal Party is proud of the young people in the new settlements, who have proved their ability to meet the challenges of today's pioneering, by settling on the security borders.

The Minister continued: The settlement initiatives taken by the I.L.P., to which are affiliated 33 moshavim, and youth villages, constitutes one of the guiding principles of the Party's "production" activities and of its political path. This distinguishes the Party from those who are strong on patriotic commentary but weak on settlement activities.

The Minister lauded the operations in these new settlements of the Ministry of Housing and of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department. These operations have contributed to the establishment and advancement of the settlements.

Criteria for veteran settlers and new immigrants

Housing is the main social problem, the paramount internal problem of the population of Israel. In my opinion, we must emulate the progressive countries, where it is now accepted that the provision of housing to all citizens is one of the social services to be provided by society. However, social services should be provided, not just to new immigrants, but also to that part of the veteran section of the population to which such services are due. I say this because the inequality in the field of housing is greater than in any other field. The housing problem cannot be solved by a wages-related subsidy policy. Nor can it be overcome by raising wages or subsidies. A national solution is indicated, and in my opinion, it is essential to enact a housing law which would define housing rights. The right system for welfare housing should cover immigrants and veteran settlers, and subsidies should be given in accordance with criteria related to income, family status, and housing norms established by the State. These remarks were made by Yehuda Shaari, M.K., Deputy Minister of Tourism, in the recent Knesset debate on the activities of the Ministry of Housing.

SEIDEL:

AGE DISCRIMINATION HARMING ABSORPTION

Age discrimination in Israel, particularly in government, municipal, and even in Histadrut organisations, discrimination that prevents people obtaining jobs because of their age, is a public scandal which cannot be left unremarked. This was said by the Chairman of the Histadrut's Absorption and Development Department, Mr. Hillel Seidel, in remarks addressed to a full session of the Givatayim Labour Council, which was discussing immigration and absorption.

Mr. Seidel continued: This discrimination particularly affects older immigrants. We should be concerned by the fact that more than a third of immigrants above the age of 55 are not regarded as part of the permanent work force in Israel. This fact causes very considerable, perfectly justified, ill feeling among immigrants.

Mr. Seidel demanded that a law be passed which would apply penalties to institutions practicing age discrimination. He said that such a law has been on the statute books for a long time in the U.S.A., where the private sector of the economy is developed. How is it that such a law does not exist in Israel, where



Hillel Seidel

most of the economy is publicly owned? All the new welfare laws now being passed by the Knesset are of no great importance, while we do not have an age discrimination law.

Independent Liberals maintain stand on prohibited marriages



Gideon Hausner, M.K.

The Independent Liberal Party has not abandoned Knesset Member, Gideon Hausner's private motion putting forward a draft bill on prohibited marriages. The decision to proceed with the matter was approved at a party meeting on September 30, but the approved decision states clearly that the tabling of the proposal in the Knesset is to be postponed for the time being. This information was given in answer to a question to Michael Tausig, a member of the secretariat.

At of the younger members' faction of the Party, during a seminar for eighth grade secondary school pupils, held recently in Haifa, on "Religion and the State of Israel."

Tausig emphasised that although the proposal is not being put forward now, it has not been abandoned. The Independent Liberal Party's decision was taken to enable the Chief Rabbinate to determine clearly its new position on the question, and to go into all possibilities of offering a solution to these tragic problems — in accordance with a promise to do this, given by the Rabbinate to the leaders of the Party before the September 30 meeting.

After a reasonable waiting period, which Adv. Tausig thought would amount to a few months, the parliamentary faction of the Independent Liberal Party would review the meaningful developments in the realization of this promise.

The younger members' faction had proposed that civil marriage should be made available to all who wanted it — that it should not be restricted to declared prohibited marriages. This proposal had, however, been supported by a minority of the Party only, Tausig added.

I.L.P. discusses worsening of absorption situation

It is essential to simplify the bureaucracy with which immigrants have to cope, starting at the port or airport, and extending to the allocation of housing, job placement, and social integration. Immediate reform in immigrant absorption is necessary, the result of which would be the establishment of one address for all matters affecting immigrants, so that they will be relieved of the need to run back and forth between Government offices and the offices of the Jewish Agency. The Government should produce a long term programme for the absorption of academically qualified personnel, since there is already a shortage of jobs for such people, and no time should be lost; science-based industries — which would also serve the export drive — should be established, particularly in urban locations. Discrimination in job placement against middle-aged immigrants is not to be tolerated under any circumstances; many immigrants suffering from this are on the edge of despair, and face a severe poverty problem. These are some of the conclusions reached during a session of the I.L.P., devoted to problems of the absorption of immigration. The session was chaired by Dr. Haim Teichman of Tel Aviv.

At the opening of the session, Dr. Teichman congratulated Prof. Ephraim Katz on his election as the fourth President of the State. The President of the I.L.P. also congratulated Mr. Pinhas Rosen on

There should be one address for absorption matters

receiving an Israel Prize, and Mrs. Rachel Kagan on her 85th birthday.

Minister Moshe Kol praised Mrs. Kagan for her varied activities, during her period as a Member of the Knesset and as a leader of WIZO in the field of women's rights, and also for her social work for the benefit of large families, and for those with limited incomes.

During the session, the Secretary General of the I.L.P., Mr. Y. Barkai, summarised the important events that had occurred in the last few months on the political scene: the Bader-Ofer Law had been put on the statute books; regarding the behaviour of the Labour Alignment toward the I.L.P. over the bill for the direct election of mayors, there was place for an investigation of the relations between the two parties.

Mr. Hillel Seidel, Head of the Absorption and Development Department of the Histadrut Executive, demanded a change in the attitude of oldtimers towards immigrants: it had been proved beyond all shadow of doubt that, during periods of immigration, the standard of living of all levels of veteran

settlers goes up; when there is no immigration, it goes down. There is no doubt that one of the reasons that the rate of immigration from western countries has gone down by nearly 50% is the failure successfully to absorb them on the social plane.

Prof. G. Stein felt that the average immigrant from a western country was prepared to accept a salary in Israel of 50% of his salary in his country of origin, provided that he obtained satisfaction from his work, at the level to which he was used to before his immigration.

"Let My People Go" but also "Absorb My People"

Gideon Hausner, M.K., Chairman of the Parliamentary I.L.P., said that anyone who demands loudly and in public "Let My People Go," must obey the essential concomitant of the demand, "Absorb My People." We cannot open the borders to immigrants, and then keep them out of the mainstreams of national life. There are signs that the Soviet authorities are about to abandon the head tax to some degree — we hope it will be abandoned completely — but the question is: Are we arranging to absorb people with degrees, likely to come after the abandoning of the tax, in the employment market?

R. Billet considered that a balance had to be struck between assistance for housing for young couples, and assistance to new immigrants.

Y. Artzi, Chairman of the I.L.P.'s Absorption Committee, proposed that the absorption problems raised during the session be passed to the Absorption Committee, so that concrete proposals could be worked out, and submitted to the Government.

The following participated in the discussion: A. Tzvi (Eng.), Chairman of the I.L.P. Group for Immigrants from the USSR, Jacques Shalom (Adv.), U.S.A., Lilian S. (South America), Dr. S. Fleisher, USSR, Y. Gotsman, Rumania, H. Rosenblatt, Argentina, and M. Segal, Rumania.

ISRAEL'S SIX OBJECTIVES

by Y. SHAARI

In the twenty-five years of the State's existence, we have been preoccupied with the fight for continued existence. We must now concentrate on the struggle for the quality of life in the State. This was said by the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Y. Shaari, M.K., during a well attended gathering of settlers from Rumania, organised by the Independent Liberal Party in Tel Aviv, and attended by Minister M. Kol and other members of the I.L.P. leadership.

Mr. Shaari considered that the I.L.P. had a decisive role to play in creating a national character that would favour the attaining of six objectives:

a. A Jewish character for the State.
b. A democratic, liberal character for the country. For example, without ensuring the right to marry for everyone, there would be no guaranteeing the basic rights of the citizen.
c. A healthy, competitive, pluralist economy, in which the intervention of the Government was limited.
d. A just society, with no extremes of social inequality, and in which everyone is assured a decent living; State social welfare for everyone, and the granting of housing rights to every citizen in need.

The creation of a new way of life, based on moral and spiritual values, on citizen responsibility, and due regard for the quality of life and of the environment.

2. Integration of the communities and responsible, integrated participation of all sections of the nation, in production, management, work, and responsibility.

Minister Kol, Chairman of the Party, in greeting the gathering, said that it is most to consider the considerable achievements of the State, despite the burden of four wars: the War of Independence, the Sinai Campaign, the Six Day War, and the War of Attrition. We should remember, however, that one of our greatest achievements was the 2.7 million Jews in Israel, out of a population of 3.2 million, and the strengthening of our security position, which enabled us to stand up to our hostile neighbours, who wished to destroy us.

We are now faced with imperatives of finding a way of communicating with the Arab countries, so as to seek a territorial compromise, and diligent application to the task of absorbing immigrants from the East and West. Our success will have a great influence on the future development of the country.

SELF-EMPLOYED BREADWINNERS' STRUGGLE

by HAIM TEICHMAN,

Chairman, I.L.P. Private Enterprise Movement

Everyone who wishes to see in Israel an economy based on firm foundation, efficient and prosperous, an economy capable of meeting the challenges of increasing production, of ensuring competitive capability in world markets, and the rapid advancement of industrial sophistication in this technological age, will support the encouragement of private enterprise in all its ramifications. We can go further — a careful analysis of the state of the economy will lead every objective person to the conclusion that we have an undesirable situation when most of the nation's economy is owned by the State, the public or the Histadrut. This situation is desirable neither economically, nor in the context of ensuring a free, liberal system of government in the country. An undue amassing of capital and economic power in one sector is potentially dangerous for us all, this danger lying in both the economic and socio-political fields.

Despite this, it cannot be said that there is an atmosphere in Israel, sympathetic to the encouragement of the private sector and that sector's productive enterprise. This tendency often becomes obvious, in government organisations and also among various sections of the public. There are, of course, other factors: exaggerated official encouragement of various initiatives, by the granting of government loans at rates of interest that are too low in the light of today's economic realities, and exemption from income tax in development areas, extended for an inappropriately long period.

My reference is to the encouragement of private enterprise among the mass of the people, not among the select monied few, most of whom exert all their might to ensure the future existence of their plants.

The Minister of Finance, Pinhas Sapir, promised that he would put an end to the discrimination against the self-employed, in the matter

of expenses for various social insurances, accepted for income-tax deduction purposes. He did, in fact, attempt to keep his promise, and presented a draft bill in the name of the government, based partly on the Asher Committee's report. Section 47 of this bill would have removed this burden. However, other sections of the bill, not acceptable to the Labour Alignment at the moment, have resulted in the bill as a whole being shelved, and the discrimination continues as before. Again, employers' loan is still collected, while it has been cancelled for other groups.

All these anomalies affecting the self-employed breadwinner have an undesirable effect, in addition to their influence in the economic field: they also act to produce an atmosphere, unsympathetic to the person exhibiting private enterprise.

Mr. Yair Kotler runs a series of articles in "Ha'aretz," "How They Live." For one of these articles, he interviewed a Mr. S.B., who after 33 years in a textile plant, now earns a gross salary of 111,068 a month. Among other things, Mr. S.B. said, "The self-employed have a good life. They enjoy the fruits of the earth, buy themselves luxury automobiles, travel abroad a lot, restaurants, live in spacious apartments, and dress in the height of fashion."

There are in Israel about 180,000 self-employed persons of whom the great majority work hard to make a living, and who struggle every day to keep their plant or shop "above water." Most of these self-employed people are a long way from a life of luxury and waste. Most of them have an income not greater than the average wage earner's pay packet. The fact that the Ministry of Finance has agreed that about 70,000 self-employed persons need no longer keep books, shows the extent to which this one-sided view is dangerous and distorted.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ABERRATIONS

by YITZHAK BARKAI,

General Secretary of the Independent Liberal Party

A semi-jubilee is a good time for reviewing and assessing events and developments. Even for an ancient people like us, one generation is a long enough period to justify summarising and evaluating.

The achievements are so impressive that it is almost superfluous to list them. The establishment of the State; the State's military, economic and political strength; the level of her science and the standard of living of her citizens; her rising gross national product — all these are outstanding features of our area of the world.

However, in our twenty-fifth year, obviously allowed — are even a we are witnesses to a number of "mitzva" — against all types of undesirable phenomena, each of missionaries. It was "natural," which can possibly be excused, but which together make up a gloomy picture.

Let us list a few of the happenings appearing in the pages of the chronicles of our semi-jubilee: violence and terror have become accepted means in the "holy war" to impose religious precepts on our way of life; violence and arson have even been directed against Rabbis who do not please some section of the religious camp. And if such measures are "permitted" against the Chief Rabbi, they are

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PUTTING OUR HOUSE IN ORDER

by GIDEON HAUSNER

As we enter the State's second 25 years, we must undertake some basic operations to put our house in order. There must be no more putting the thing off until peace is achieved, since nobody knows when there will be peace. We can no longer excuse every shortcoming in internal affairs with the explanation that we have a heavy security burden. This security burden will be with us for a long time to come. The State continues to develop, and many distorted situations arise.

A new look at the status quo

The status quo in religion and civil affairs must be reexamined, particularly where suffering is being caused. No progress is being made in this field, despite public declarations on the subject.

The Independent Liberal Party should hammer out minimum demands on these important questions, and give advance notice that the acceptance of these demands will be a precondition for their agreeing to participate in any government, should they be asked so to do.

Housing credits

Welfare policy should be oriented towards rehabilitation and to the creation of the ability to earn a living, and should not be based solely on the distribution of payments. There is no clear scale on which the giving of credits for housing rights is carried out. In housing, as in other areas, the citizen should be freed of dependence on bureaucracy; procedures should be established, in accordance with which everyone would know when it was his turn to receive housing, on the strength of the circumstances applying to his case. New immigrants and oldtimers should be classified by reference to a number of factors, so that it is clear to everyone how flats are allocated.

Sacrifice of holy cows

Basic reform is necessary in education, in line with the accepted practice throughout the world of preferring humanistic education and culture to the mere acquisition of information. The competition between schools should be based, not on tests or matriculation exam results, but on achievements in the acquisition of values relevant to good citizenship.

The troubled labour relations in the public economy dictate a basic change in fundamental concepts, even if this involves the sacrifice of "holy cows," such as anarchic freedom of the strike. It would be preferable for there to be a national institution, to which justified claims for wage increases could be brought. This institution would have the right to reject unjustified claims, without the constant expectation of tremendous repercussions after each rejection, at least in essential matters.

The economy demands the existence of planning, and the execution of that planning in accordance with a programme. In actual fact, we are living from hand to mouth. The result is galloping inflation, giddy rise in prices, which produces a rise in wages, further increase in prices, and so on indefinitely. The general impression is that there is no systematic direction being given to the economy. The economy pulls those holding the reins after it, instead of the opposite. The result is liable to be a very dangerous recession.

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A DEDICATION TO DEATH

Their success led Fatah to establish Black September on a full-scale basis. The activists of The Revenging Palestinians were grafted on to the Fatah intelligence agency known as Jihaz al-Razd (Reconnaissance) to form the basis of the new organisation.

Razd was chosen because it was composed not of the rifle-toting rank and file of Fatah but of smart university graduates who had specialised in intelligence work, could speak foreign languages and could operate in European capitals without arousing suspicion. In fact, the members of Razd are so smooth that one of their specialties is seducing innocent Western girls into carrying out their operations for them.

One of their exploits was to give two innocent British girls a record player containing a bomb as they boarded an El Al airliner. The bomb exploded but the specially armoured baggage cabin built into all El Al planes withstood the explosion and the plane landed safely.

On the bandwagon

The wider Arab Governments also jumped on the bandwagon, seeing on Black September as a way to strike at the Israelis and the "imperialists" without compromising their international relations. Orders went out from Colonel Gaddafi to every Libyan embassy to provide whatever help Black September required. Weapons, passports, travel facilities, sanctuary, everything was at the terrorists' disposal. Iraq, Syria and Algeria followed suit.

The international actions of Black September were based on the diplomatic network of the Arab countries in flagrant disregard of the code governing international relations. The Arab embassies throughout the world became operational bases for Black September terrorists. (We shall deal in more detail with the Arab States' responsibility for terrorism in a further article.)

Inside Fatah the new organisation was based on a framework of some fifteen to twenty people. Abu Iyad, sometime head of Razd, emerged as its leader. Ali Hassan Salameh, who was also involved with Razd, became very important.

Symbolism

He has been described as a bit of a dandy and a woman-chaser. But he is more than that. He is the son of Sheikh Hassan Salameh, a legendary Palestinian leader who was killed fighting the Israelis in 1948. The Arabs see great symbolism in this carrying on of the struggle from one generation to the next.

He has also emerged as an operational leader in his own right. He was the organiser of the attempt on the life of Zaid al-Rifai, the Jordanian Ambassador in London, whose Daimler was riddled with sub-machinegun bullets as he was driven through Kensington last December. Rifai was extremely fortunate to escape with a wounded hand. Salameh is also believed to be responsible for the blowing up of oil tanks in Trieste, Holland and Germany. And he is the first choice to succeed Abu Iyad as the overall leader of Black September if the Israelis ever catch up with the elusive "Fox".

Sanctity of violence

One man who might have succeeded to that post is the only Black September leader so far known to have died a natural death — Fuad Shemali, a Christian Arab who died of cancer in Geneva in August, 1972. Shemali was one of the organisers of the Munich Olympic massacre and he left a testament in which he advised the kidnapping and killing of people held in high esteem by the Israelis. In his lifetime he preached the sanctity of violence and when he died Black September issued a statement saying: "Black September hereby declares that the only way to compensate for his death is to implement his philosophy in its most extreme form."

Abu Yusuf was another Black September chieftain who carried out Shemali's teachings to the full before he was killed by the Israelis. He

was responsible not only for the assassination of Wasfi Tal but also for the hijacking of a Sabena airliner at Lod Airport in May, 1972, and the attack on the Israeli embassy in Bangkok in March, 1973.

Abu Yusuf's death has led to the promotion of Khalil al-Wazir, code-named Abu Jihad. He is a Marxist who has connections with foreign terrorists and is believed to have opened up the Black September liaison with the I.R.A.

Ghassan al-Husseini, one of the many relatives of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem among the leaders of Black September, is an engineer who was educated in Germany — the Grand Mufti supported Hitler and fled to Germany during World War II — and is the "dirty tricks" expert.

Another technical expert is Ahmed Afghani, code-named Abu Mokassab, who is officially the Fatah representative on the Armed Struggle Command but also has control over the finances of the Central Committee of Fatah and is deeply involved in the supply of arms by Fatah to Black September.

Then there is the killer Fakhr al-Umari, head of Black September's special services section. He was one of ten Fatah men — Abu Dawud and Ali Hassan Salameh were among them — who were sent on an intelligence training course to Cairo in August, 1968. The course lasted for six weeks and covered all aspects of secret intelligence work. According to Abu Dawud, Fakhr al-Umari was the "case-officer" for the Munich operation and supplied the arms, eight Kalashnikov rifles and ten grenades, which he left in a box at Munich railway station to be picked up by the terrorists who raided the Israeli quarters in the Olympic village.

Stronger than Fatah

All these men are members of the ruling councils of Fatah, but their functions now go beyond their Fatah responsibilities because their Black September roles have become more important than their Fatah duties. Black September has in fact become more powerful than Fatah because Fatah has become ineffective both politically and militarily while Black September, through the use of ruthless terror, has gone from strength to strength.

The actual operations are based on the P.F.L.P. cell structure, in which members of the cell know only their immediate colleagues. There are "tutouts" to ensure security and when the young men and women are chosen for an operation they are not told until the last moment what their target is to be. They are briefed only by their operational leader who is given full command with licence to kill from the moment the operation starts.

However, these operations are no haphazard affairs. Once the individuals are chosen they are whisked away to training camps where they are taught precisely what to do. The training is thorough and the indoctrination diabolical in its cleverness.

Well of hatred

The instructors tap the deep well of hatred in the young Palestinians for the "Israeli usurpers and their imperialist supporters" and turn them into fanatical killers.

They are well able to do this because the refugees, brought up in their squalid camps, have known nothing but hatred and violent death all their lives and Black September is itself the latest manifestation of that cruel streak in the Arab character which so often expresses itself through secret societies.

The Assassins of the eleventh century, the Moslem Brotherhood, and Black September are in the continuing line of that tradition. When the Old Man of the Mountains, the leader of the Assassins, chose a team of his young disciples for a mission of murder, he would have them drugged with hashish and carried to a secret garden where, kept in a drugged twilight of consciousness, they were made love to by beautiful girls among tinkling foun-

tains and sweet-smelling flowers and told that this was a taste of the paradise to which they would go if they were killed on their mission. Naturally enough, these "Feda'i" — "devoted ones" — went to their deaths gladly.

Today, the young men and women of Black September, who have adopted the name of the Feda'i, are drugged with hatred and promised that their sacrifice will lead to the regaining of the "Lost Paradise of Palestine." This is the third instalment of a series on Black September written by a 'Sunday Telegraph' research team headed by Christopher Dobson.

And it is this dedication to death which makes them so dangerous to the rest of the world.

(To be continued)



Links exist between Black September and Libyan embassies throughout the world. A Jordanian employee of the Libyan Embassy in Rome, Wael Abdel Zaiter, was shot dead in Rome last October. He was later identified as a terrorist representative.

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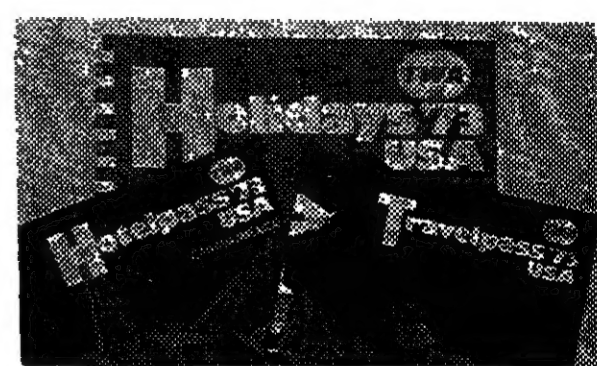
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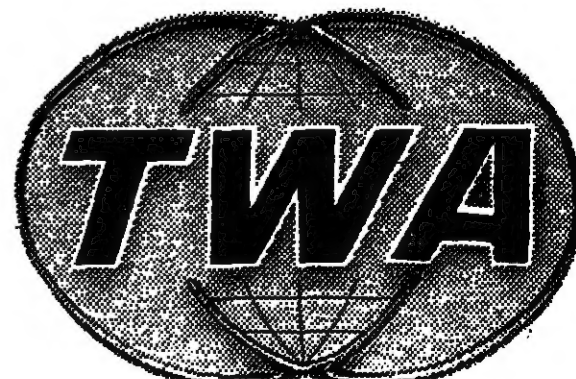
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NO MONEY FOR PHONES?

A YEAR and two months after it was appointed, a well-qualified committee of administrators, industrialists, engineers and government officials, has made a majority recommendation, not surprisingly, that both the telephone services and the mails should cease to be departments of the Communications Ministry, and should become public, semi-independent corporations. Not surprisingly, because state phone and mail services have deteriorated astonishingly in the last half century, despite the enormous technological advances, not only here, where communications were rudimentary in the 'twenties, but particularly in the advanced countries.

From mail and parcels delivered twice a day by a smiling postman in the London of two generations ago, England has in recent years experienced a mail strike in which carrier pigeons were seriously considered. In the U.S., every welfare case has a phone and local calls are free; but there are times of day when it is impossible for long periods on end to get a dialling tone or connection. As a result, phones and other communications services, and in some cases mails as well, have in many countries been switched from government departments to public authorities of varying types, in the search for better service.

What is mainly involved is a financial problem. Our post office technicians, after a series of strikes, earn as much as the administrators several stages above them, resulting in resentment and lack of discipline. The highly skilled technicians are hard to find, and they wish to be free to bargain for the pay they are worth, and not to enter the straightjacket of government pay scales. At a time of full employment, there are no candidates for postmen at government rates.

A major obstacle with more clearly defined dimensions is the need to invest about IL7,500 for every new phone installed, with a minimum total investment of IL800m. per year needed at present to catch up with the backlog of applications. There is no prospect of the government allocating such sums. As it is, phone lines are available in some less affluent sections, and waiting lists endless in some newer areas where changes have proved woefully inadequate to the needs of the immigrants housed there.

And there is no doubt about one thing — as communities and towns grow in size and travel becomes more burdensome, telephones will acquire a new importance for business, security and simply human relations. We shall have to adjust our thinking to the fact that communications no longer provided as a public service but based on commercial credits will be more expensive, even if there is a saving once bureaucratic delays are eliminated. In compensation, we should make urgent researches into a child- and thief-proof design for public telephones so that those unwilling to pay the higher costs of a commercial telephone will have some substitute even if it is less convenient.

Although Communications Minister Peres favours it, the government is thought to be hesitant about the change, as reflecting on public as opposed to private initiative. There is, in fact, very little question of public telephones services and no great need for the kind of control exercised by a government department, necessarily slowing down work, and unable to take advantage of favourable opportunities in labour and materials. The change will have to come, and no purpose is served in delaying it.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS Bourguiba's two faces

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes in comment on an interview published yesterday in "Le Monde," in which President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia now stated that a meeting with Israeli leaders was "improbable and useless," because of the gulf between the two sides. "In recent weeks, Bourguiba has voiced both positive and illigible ideas. By his contradictions he is causing harm to the positive idea he raised. Israel would still like to hope that his latest pronouncement does not spell the end of the matter."

Hatzofe (National Religious) writes: "Bourguiba's peace proposals were designed a priori to lead to Tunisia's being invited to the European Security Conference in Helsinki — in other words, to enhance his personal prestige. As the conference rejected the idea of inviting Tunisia and Algeria, all that was left for Bourguiba to do was to announce that his initiative had come to an end, because — as he stated — it held no useful purpose."

Devar (Histadrut) writes: "In view of Malta's obstinate insistence on inviting Algeria and Tunisia to the conference, Israel's demand for observer status is understandable, and termination of the initial stage of the conference does not serve to remove this demand from the agenda. Under no circumstances will Israel forgo her right to be heard in any international forum at which Arab spokesmen attempt to gain sympathy for their own stand and infuse hostility towards Israel."

Cassandra of the Jewish people

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the President of the World Jewish Congress, enjoys playing Cassandra. In writing up the eight days of talks of the World Jewish Congress Executive in Tel Aviv last week, Dr. Goldmann said the sympathy of the world towards Israel and the Jews generally was on the wane. People are getting tired of the Jews and their problems. Thus a realistic Jewish leader should urge long-term policies to consolidate the Jewish position and foster the right of Jewish minorities to maintain their identity. The world must realize that the more loyal a man has, the greater is the loyalty he maintains to the authorities of his country, Dr. Goldmann said.

A somewhat more optimistic note was sounded by Rabbi Arthur Hershberg, President of the American Jewish Congress. He said Americans have been won over to the idea that the U.S. is "a pluralistic society" — a concept suggested by the Jews themselves — rather than a "melting pot" striving at cultural uniformity which was America's ideal a century ago.

He admitted to "a cultural evaporation" of the Jewish community in America, with forty per cent of Jews marrying out of the Jewish community. Thus, eventually, the Jewish kind of pluralism might disappear, for lack of Jews who identify as Jews but that would be a lengthy process, Rabbi Hershberg said. "Three hundred years perhaps."

The executive of the World Jewish Congress has just ended an eight-day meeting in Israel. Post Reporter Sraya Shapiro reviews their discussions — which swept from the Jews of Russia to South America — and the special role of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the organization.



Dr. Goldmann... the old sage of the Jews? (Yossi Zador)

Assimilation rate
Mordechai Bar-On, of the Jewish Agency, provided a better indication of the rate of assimilation: only seven per cent of American Jewish youth had any kind of Jewishly specific Jewish cultural life, "bar mitzva" celebrations included.

All speakers cited the heroic example of Soviet Jewry which has survived despite fifty years of persecution, and despite its isolation from the Jewish world.

Certainly it is a bit paradoxical to watch a veteran Zionist like Dr. Goldmann or Rabbi Hershberg extol cultural pluralism in their thinking about Jewish survival. After all they grew up after the kind of control exercised by a government department, necessarily slowing down work, and unable to take advantage of favourable opportunities in labour and materials. The change will have to come, and no purpose is served in delaying it.

exactly what happened in the Russian Revolution so many years ago. Dr. Jacques Teyssie, a native of Europe who escaped to the U.S. at the last moment before Hitler invaded Belgium, said, "Jews always leave too late" — but his warning was treated with silent contempt by his American colleagues.

Complaints about lack of leadership turned into lamentations. For the South Americans, the lack of a "central political entity to coordinate action" was tragic. But even in North America, the future of the Jews depended on "the quality of leadership" they will have, a Reform Rabbi said. Obviously, that leadership was weak and ineffective.

But Israel, for all the glamour and promise it had for American Jews, was presented by Rabbi Joachim Prinz as a bogey encroaching on the "independence" of the Diaspora. He would like Israel to be not "a normal state" but "a very Jewish State, trying to be an example for the world in exhibiting compassion without fear in a just and defensive, and leave Diaspora Jews to solve their own problems."

When Dr. Goldmann was induced to leave the presidency of the World Jewish Congress five years ago, he embarked on a programme to reconstruct the World Jewish Congress (of which he remained the undisputed chief) so that it would become the embodiment of the Jewish will. Dr. Goldmann obtained the formal consent of practically all representative Jewish organizations to take part in the WJC. His latest achievement is getting the British Board of Jewish Deputies and the World Sephardi Union to join the WJC.

'Private game'
While Israeli and Zionist circles heard Dr. Goldmann's efforts comely, a sort of a private game by an elderly statesman, Dr. Goldmann obviously meant it in earnest. (At the festive dinner concluding the week's proceedings Dr. Goldmann remarked when greeting Arye Picus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive: "He is one of us, really, he is not a guest.") Though he was finally persuaded to agree to a permanent channel of communications between the Jewish Agency and Israel, it is a fact confirmed by Dr. Goldmann's closest associates that he at first, opposed this, favouring only ad-hoc consultations on specific matters.

Yet Dr. Goldmann does not enjoy the support even of the majority of the World Jewish Congress on vital issues such as Israel's predominance in Jewish life and the struggle for Soviet Jewry. But he is never contradicted in public when he speaks "on behalf of World Jewry." Of course, he will continue to do so, calling it "being courageous in telling the truth." (He remarked at the dinner "there is nothing that the Jewish people can offer me, there is nothing it can refuse me.") He will continue to make statements posing as the old sage of the Jews... But is he?

THE FRENCH PACIFIC TESTS Frigates against the nuclear bomb

By EDWARD REYNOLDS
AUCKLAND (Oha). — THE crew of the New Zealand frigate Otago, which has just moved into the danger zone near the site of the French nuclear bomb tests at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific, are prepared to wait it out for four weeks until a second frigate is sent to relieve them. Boredom may attack them, but when they attack Auckland there was every sign that they were going willingly, with a sense of purpose even.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Norman Kirk, has ordered the frigate to enter the 120-mile danger zone designated by France, but to keep out of the 12-mile territorial limit which France claims.

Scientists say the men will be safe if they keep a 12-mile distance. However, naval officers say that without danger their voyage becomes a tautology and that they would rather go in, boots and all.

The New Zealand Navy — basically a four-frigate fleet with 2,800 officers and men — had allowed any member of the Otago crew to pull out of the mission without giving a reason or having a black mark against his name. Twelve of the ship's 242 men pleaded fatigue and were not going. Nine pulled out without saying why. Recruits quickly took their place. No officers and no skilled tradesmen opted out.

The captain, Commander A.J. L. Tyrer, no stranger to nuclear bombs (he saw the British tests at Christmas Island in 1957), gave the impression of speaking with his own mind when, before the ship sailed, he said the mission was already a success because it had captured attention in the Northern Hemisphere and was thus adding to New Zealand's publicity campaign against the French plans.

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The Otago and later the frigate Canterbury, if she is needed, will be refuelled by the Australian fleet tanker EMAS Supply. In the shadows a British ship is also standing watch. The 5,600-ton logistic landing ship, Sir Percival, has been hovering for a month off Pitcairn Island, only 530 miles south-east of Mururoa. Officially she is there to monitor radioactivity and to stand by in case the 86 inhabitants of Pitcairn are endangered. Like the Otago and Supply she is fitted with gear designed to allow her to sail through fall-out. She has bow and stern loading ramps, which could help in evacuating Pitcairn, and is thought to carry helicopters. She is expected to keep out of sight of the New Zealand and Australian ships in case France thinks Britain is acting in cahoots with actively-protesting nations.

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FOREIGN PRESS SAVING THE \$

The "New York Times," discussing the monetary crisis, said yesterday that "One strategy is to let the dollar continue sinking until markets come to their senses and the dollar starts rising toward its true equilibrium level..."

"The alternative strategy is for the U.S., with the cooperation of other governments, to try to arrest the fall of the dollar and if possible turn it around..."

"In our view, the time has come for a massive effort to prevent irrational and panicky market psychology from driving the dollar lower and lower. Because the dollar has sunk below its true value, the chances for successful intervention are now better than ever. A strong international defence of the dollar today would have the support of underlying economic forces."

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GIRL SOLDIERS DEFENDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mrs. Sonia Rosen (your letter column of June 30) must be possessed of a truly warped mind! Any Israeli girl or woman would have embraced the three pilots released from Syria on their return. All that the Israeli girl soldiers were doing was expressing, in the most natural way possible, the heartfelt joy and relief felt by each and every one of us who is proud to live in the State of Israel.

There is, we feel sure, no need for her to worry about the interpretation put on this spontaneous behaviour by the world.

(Mrs.) YARL GEFEN
(Mrs.) MITZI KLININ
Jerusalem, June 30.

WOMEN AND THE LABOUR PARTY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with interest your account of the tensions within the Labour Party following reports of the Prime Minister's support of the Labour women's demand for at least 25 per cent of the party's Knesset seats (June 27). Party officials present from several directions — the divisions of Mitzpe, Ashdod, Be'er Sheva, Haifa, Tel Aviv, etc. etc. Have they not noticed that all these groups are 50 per cent female? They can give these pressure groups all the seats they have as marked for women (no more than 50 per cent for the time being) as women will represent the group, everyone's satisfaction.

ASHILA PRAD
Haifa, June 29.

THE 'BUDDY' SYSTEM PREVENTS DROWNING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — That three children should drown during swimming instruction each assigned a partner, or buddy, would be ludicrous if it were not so horrifying. The competence of instructors who can allow such tragedies to occur must certainly be called into question.

However, it seems that a simple preventive that has been used for decades in North America, namely Emek Sorek, June 29.

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